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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
10 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 MICHAEL JULIAN WATTS,

15 Defendant.

2:24-CR-26-SAB

INDICTMENT

Vio: 18 U.S.C. § 117  
Domestic Assault by Habitual  
Offender in Indian Country  
(Counts 1-2)

16 The Grand Jury charges:

17 COUNT 1

18 On or about October 2, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, within  
19 the external boundaries of the Colville Indian Reservation, Defendant MICHAEL  
20 JULIAN WATTS, an Indian, did knowingly assault A.C., an intimate and dating  
21 partner. The domestic assault was committed after Defendant MICHAEL JULIAN  
22 WATTS was convicted on at least two separate prior occasions for offenses that  
23 would be, if subject to federal jurisdiction, any assault, sexual abuse, or serious  
24 violent felony where the victim of the offense was an intimate partner, all in violation  
25 of 18 U.S.C. § 117.

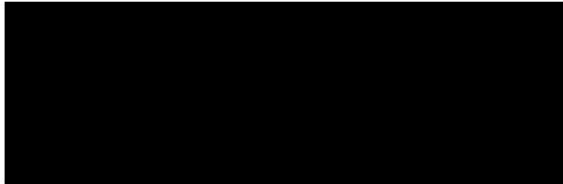
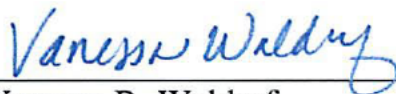
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COUNT 2

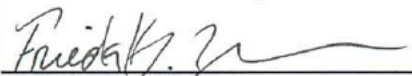
On or about November 5, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, within the external boundaries of the Colville Indian Reservation, Defendant MICHAEL JULIAN WATTS, an Indian, did knowingly assault A.C., an intimate and dating partner. The domestic assault was committed after Defendant MICHAEL JULIAN WATTS was convicted on at least two separate prior occasions for offenses that would be, if subject to federal jurisdiction, any assault, sexual abuse, or serious violent felony where the victim of the offense was an intimate partner, all in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 117.

DATED this 21 day of February, 2024.

A TRUE BILL

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